

The HeartBeat

A weekly newsletter for Mountainside Church members OF Mountainside



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This Sunday at Mountainside

"Hope in the
Midst of Hardship"
Jeremiah 29:4-14

Guilty by Association

As my mother would tell me time and time again, "Be careful who you associate with!" She was correct because as we have heard, "Actions speak louder than words." We can all look back and remember these and many more sayings our mothers, grandmothers, and other important figures in our lives would say. I call them my "granny-isms." I tell you, she was one wise woman.

Experts today validate what these women in our lives would tell us as we were growing up. It is said that 70% of all communication is non-verbal. This means our facial expression, our body language, and yes, those we are associated with communicate more than just words alone.

To experience this, I invite you to turn on any cable news program, especially the opinion segments, and turn the sound off. Even though we've eliminated the auditory words by lowering the volume, the body language of the broadcast journalist says a great deal. You can easily pick up on positive stories, those that touch your heart, and even those that spew negativity, discontent, and outright hatred.

Don't think for a minute this is new. Pick up your bible and read in any one of the Gospels. But when you do, turn down the "volume." What I mean by this is open the big screen in your mind and "see" the mood, the context, and the intent of those speaking.

The Pharisees confronted Jesus almost daily. I read the encounters and can see in my mind the bombastic and pompous attitude and body language they must have elicited. And when they couldn't get to Jesus, they attacked those around Him in the same way.

Jesus healed the man who was blind from birth. The Pharisees were tired of getting nowhere with their attacks on Jesus, so they "commanded" this man (who could now see) to appear in their presence (can you picture their smugness?).

This man had been a blind beggar his entire life. They asked him what happened and he told them facts and facts alone: "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes." After he washed the mud off he could see. Then they asked him "where is this man?" This is a laughing moment. They just asked a blind man who had not seen Jesus, nor would recognize him, where Jesus was!

Try as they may, the man would not fall into the trap of saying something negative toward Jesus – something they could use in an accusatory manner to finally catch Him. Frustrated, they called his parents before them and followed up with a second summons for the previously blind man. They failed at every attempt.

Why do we despise that which we do not understand, or refuse to allow ways that are different from our own? God made us all different, but yet we are all in the same "boat"; we all fall short. God will forgive our sins if we ask Him. Let's try to be more encouraging this week to touch lives for His kingdom!



Opportunities to Connect & Engage



Calling All Bakers

Pull out your rolling pins and baking pans, we need your sweet skills for two upcoming events:

Fall Arts & Crafts Fair: Sign up behind the fireplace to participate and drop off your baked goods Friday, **Nov. 6** between 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Label your creations and indicate if they contain nuts, are gluten-free, etc. A crew will package items. All proceeds benefit the Mountainside Mission Fund.



All Hands on Deck

We need many volunteers to help clean up the exterior and interior of the church on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 9 a.m. Please sign up behind the fireplace.



Get Your Praise On

Visit mountainsidechurch.com and click on the music note to listen to the music for Sunday.



Crafters and Volunteers Needed

If you're good with a glue gun and have the scars to prove it, we need your help making items to sell at the Mountainside craft booth for the Fall Arts & Crafts Fair, Nov. 7. Call Jo Hoak at 501-693-7818 with questions. We also need volunteers to help facilitate the event. Sign up sheets for different roles are behind the fireplace and you can sign up for more than one task.



Your Hospitality Team for October 4

Thank you Marilyn Sturges, Linda Wagnon, Scott & Merry Voskuil for serving!

And speaking of serving, we're looking for big smiles and warm hearts to join the Hospitality Team.

Members serve about once every 4-5 weeks. Duties include greeting members and guests, getting guests nametags, handing out bulletins, putting out coffee and snacks, putting out attendance books and more.

As Pastor Doug says, "Our greeters make the first impression on our members and guests as they enter Mountainside to worship and fellowship with us."

Email Donna Mahle at donnamahle@att.net or call her at 512-304-0992 for more information or to join.

Sign Up To Bring Sunday Snacks

Sign up by yourself or with a friend to bring a favorite sweet treat or breakfast goodie. We need about 6 dozen servings total, so if you team up, that's just 3 dozen each. Please have your goodies at church by 8:45 Sunday morning, and our hospitality team will plate and serve them. Any leftovers can be taken home or, if they're cookies, donated to our monthly Boys & Girls Club meal. Thank you for helping make our hospitality time special!



2026 Leadership Team

Pastor- Rev. Doug Walker

Chairperson- Bill Hoak

Lay Leader- Ted Schramm

Treasurer- Kevin Hoak

Deb Seibert

Bobby Mahle

Larry Brocaw

Ken Guzel

Bart Langford

Marilyn Sturges

Mike Clarno

You can also check out our Leadership Team on our website

<https://www.mountainsidechurch.com/leadership>



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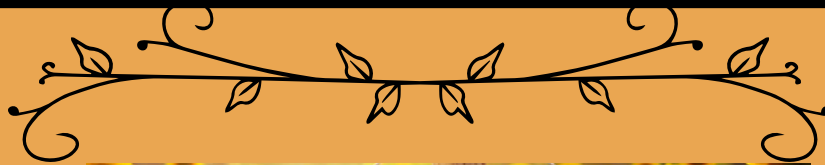


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HOLIDAYS & OBSERVANCES: COLUMBUS DAY (12), HALLOWEEN (31)

Homemade
GIFTS MADE EASY



Jerry Sullivan 10/06

Raymond Jones 10/09

Gary Rosson 10/12

Peggy Dvorak 10/14

Patricia Vonaston 10/18

October Wedding Anniversaries



Rev. Doug & Cindi Walker 10/01

Ron & Vicki Fritz 10/07

Leon & Peggy Hadley 10/24



HOSPITALITY 2026 OCT-NOV-DEC

10/04 Marilyn Sturges, Linda Wagnon, Scott & Merry Voskuil

10/11 Mike & Liz Clarno, Jennifer Ellis ,BJ Conner

10/18 Kevin Hoak, Robin Williams, Arlene McAlister, Dorothy Bodine

10/25 JD & LouAnn Walker, Marilyn Sturges, Peggy Dvorek

11/01 Bill & Jo Hoak, Robin Williams, BJ Conner

11/08 Judy Sloan, Mike & Liz Clarno, Jennifer Ellis

11/15 Marilyn Sturges, Scott & Merry Voskuil, Linda Wagnon

11/22 JD & LouAnn Walker, Dorothy Bodine, Donna Mahle

11/29 Bill & Jo Hoak, Peggy Dvorak, Kevin Hoak

12/06 Donna & Bobby Mahle, Marilyn Sturges, Arlene McAlister



12/13 Judy Sloan, Robin Williams, Jennifer Ellis, Linda Wagon

12/20 Bill & Jo Hoak, Scott & Merry Voskuil

12/27 Marilyn Sturges, Kevin Hoak, Mike & Liz Clarno

If you cannot serve on a date, please find a substitute or contact
Donna Mahle: 512-304-0992 – donnamahle@att.net



Prayers



Prayers Needed

As a praying church, we value the importance of lifting those up who need a little help and grace. Please add these people to your prayers this week.

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| • Mary Justina Ackley | • Don Heinz | • Jeff & Melissa Owen | • Carol Willson |
| • Matthew Baker | • Brian Karriger | • Elain Pool | • Richard Wood |
| • Jeff Boor | • Jimmy Newell | • Mallory Seibert | • Donna Mahle |
| • Joey Dean | • Brian Little | • Marcia Wanner | • Wendy Lenox |
| • Rickie Barnes | • Renee McKinley | • Chuck Anderson | • Don Pappe |
| • Jeff Fox | • Mary Davis | • Peggy Hadley | • Bob Boocker |

Other Prayers

- The people of Ukraine
- The entire Middle East
- Our state & national leadership
- Mountainside Church & leadership
- Active Military and Family Members

If you would like to make additions/corrections/deletions to the prayer list, please call the church office at **(501) 922- 2626** or email Stacy at mountainsidechurch@gmail.com.

